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PURPOSE: This memorandum advises of statement by Robert Murphy of Civil Rights Division (CRD) of Department that recent news article concerning Department's study of Martin Luther King, Jr., case was incorrect.

DETAILS: Recent memoranda have advised that Department was winding up its study of Bureau files to determine whether investigation of King's assassination should be reopened. An article appeared in "The Washington Post" 3/23/76, attribution to "informed sources," presumably in the Department, and indicated possibility CRD would recommend to Attorney General (AG) that a blue-ribbon committee of persons outside the Government be formed to look at all aspects of the case. On 3/29/76, Murphy, who has been the Department's principal reviewer of our files, telephoned Supervisor S. F. Phillips and volunteered that the article in question is incorrect in that no recommendations have yet been made to the AG.

Although Murphy told us on 3/24/76, that he has completed his specific request for documents in our files, on 3/29/76, he asked for additional information and indicated he would continue to make some further requests as he is currently engaged in preparing his summary and recommendations for the AG. Our continued cooperation to him was reiterated and we will continue to service his needs in this respect.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For Information.

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